**Inclusion of castes in SC list**

†3919. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision regrading inclusion of Mallah, Kevat, Vind and Dhimar castes in the list of Scheduled Castes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government have taken any steps to overcome causes of delay in taking the said decision; and

(c) if so, the dates on which these steps were taken alongwith the details of the steps taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The processing of proposals of State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for modification in the list of Scheduled Castes is done in accordance with modalities approved by the Government and completion of process takes time.

**Funds released for NGOs**

3920. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released for various NGOs by Government for the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05, organization-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of categories of frauds and financial irregularities found so far with regard to functioning of NGOs;

(c) whether Government have adopted any remedial measures to curb such frauds and financial irregularities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The details of funds released to various NGOs by the Ministry for the years 2002-03,2003-04 and 2004-05, organization-wise and State-wise are available in the Annual Reports of the Ministry.

(b) The irregularities that have been found in the functioning of the NGOs are: receipt of fake recommendation, non-existence of NGO/ project, misutilization of funds.

(c) to (e) Before sanctioning grant-in-aid to the NGOs, recommendations from the State Governments are obtained. The performance of NGO is also reviewed on half-yearly basis and through periodical inspections by Central/ State Governments and designated agencies. Besides, detailed report, which includes audited accounts, utilization certificates, annual reports, list of beneficiaries, list of staff etc. is also obtained by the Ministry and scrutinized. Instalments of grant-in-aid are released after evaluation of their performance and satisfactory inspection reports.

**Mechanism to monitor sanction of grants**

3921. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the mechanism to check and verify the applications received in the Ministry for grants;

(b) the mechanism to monitor the activities of those who are getting grants from the Ministry; and

(c) the details of various schemes and projects for the welfare of SCs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The applications for grant-in-gid received are scrutinized and cases duly recommended by the State Governments or any other designated agency are placed in the Screening Committee, constituted for the purpose, for consideration, in the light of the provisions of the Scheme.

(b) The performance of the NGOs is reviewed on half-yearly basis and periodical inspections are conducted by officers authorized by Central